

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS05.329

APPLICANT: John H. Wilkins
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LOCATION: Mississippi River mile 771 left bank, west of Randolph, in Tipton County. 35.5182°N, 89.9006°W; Nodena quadrangle

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: The Mississippi River is assessed as not supporting recreational use. The waters are classified as category 5, one or more uses impaired. The waterbody ID is TN08010100001 – 2000; listed pollutants include PCBs, Dioxin, Chlordane, Nitrate, loss of biological integrity due to siltation and other habitat alterations. Causes are listed as agriculture, dredging, and contaminated sediment sources from other states.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed work involves mining sand from a sand bar during low water stages of the river. The work would be done with a track-hoe, bulldozer, and trucks. The applicant proposes to place a temporary bridge from the riverbank to the sandbar to access the site. The bridge would be removed during high waters. No wetlands would be impacted by the project and all work would be done in the dry. The purpose of the activity is to recover sand for commercial use.

The applicant states that the sand bar is about 50 acres in size. Excavation would occur nearest the eastern shore to a depth of 10' to 20'. According to the applicant, the sand bar has no vegetation. The temporary bridge would be built from timbers; it would span 30' to 40' over to the sand bar. The river-bank at the bridge site would be sloped. The proposal involves the mining of approximately 150,000 to 200,000 cubic yards of sand per year.

The division has determined that the proposed activity will not result in degradation to water quality under the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06).

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Robert Baker

No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this permit. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

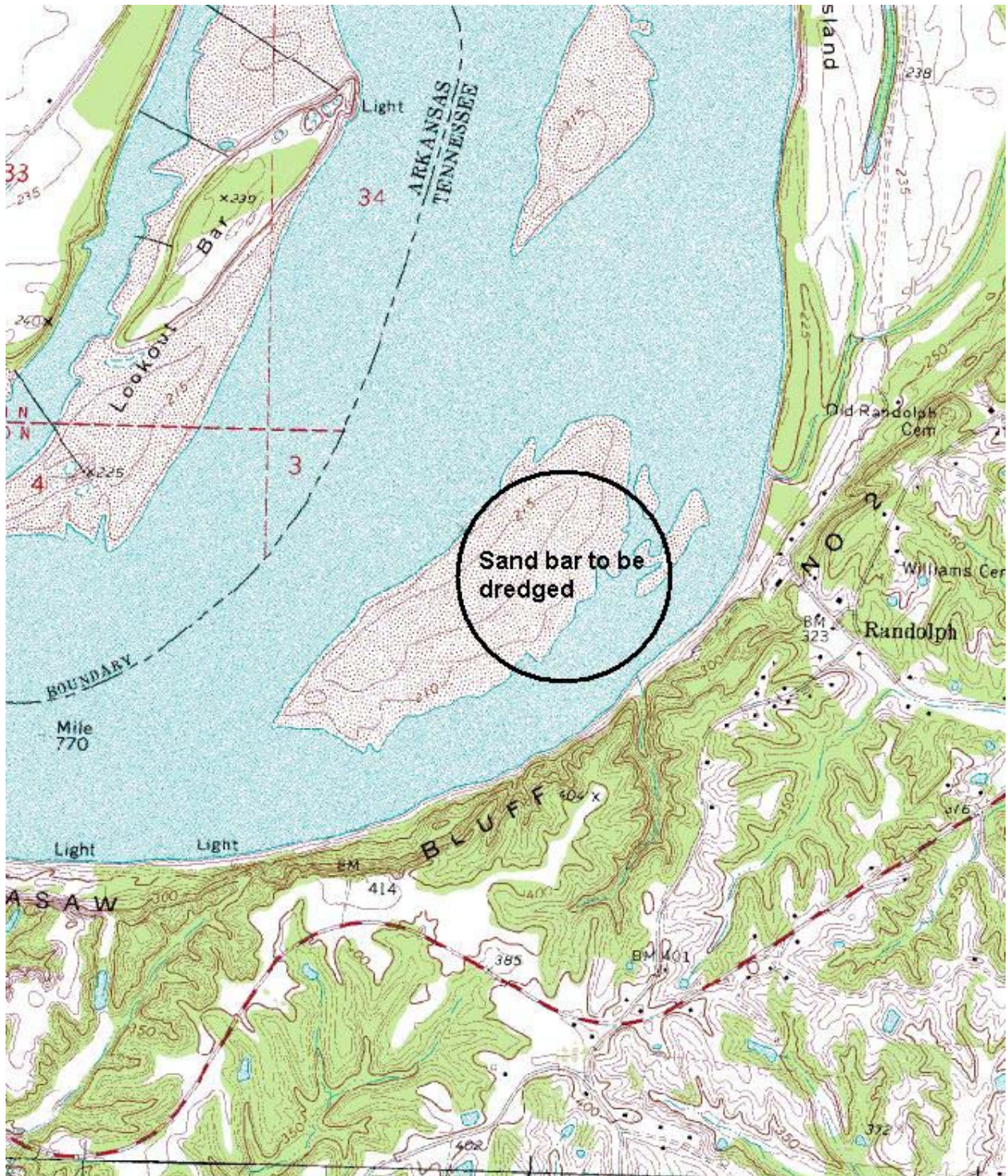
Interested persons may also request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing.

The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address for review and/or copying.

The department's address is:

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Pollution Control, Natural Resources Section
7th Floor L & C Annex
401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243

In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments of record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws. In making this decision, a determination will be made regarding the lost value of the resource compared to the value of any proposed mitigation. The department shall consider practicable alternatives to the alteration. The department shall also consider loss of waters or habitat, diminishment in biological diversity, cumulative or secondary impacts to the water resource, and adverse impact to unique, high quality, or impaired waters.



35.5178°N 89.9016°W Nodena quadrangle